(b) the public sector as well as private sector companies participating in the establishment of these steel plants;

(c) the plans finalised for the location of these steel plants;

(d) the land aquired for the purpose; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NAVEEN PATNAIK): (a) to (e) According to available information, 14 iron and steel projects are proposed to be set up in Orissa. Of these, one project viz. M/s Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd. is in joint sector, and others are in private sector. Relevant details in respect of name of the participating companies, locations and land required/acquired are given below:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Location	Land required/ acquired (acres)
1.	Mid-East Integrated Steel Ltd. (MESCO Group)	Duburi, Jajpur dist.	584.70/570.70
2.	Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd. (MMTC, Govt. of Orissa & MECON)	-do-	2732/2682.11
3.	Bhusan Steel & Strips Ltd.	-do-	1925
4.	MESCO-Kalinga Steel Ltd. (MESCO Group)	-do-	3100/1750
5.	Uttam Steel Ltd.	-do-	3000/2500
6.	Indian Seamless Steels & Alloys Ltd.	-do-	2500
7.	Orient Steels Ltd.	-do-	300
8.	Brahmani Iron & Steel Co. Ltd.	-do-	540/300
9.	Tata Iron & Steel Co. Ltd.	Gopalpur, Ganjam Dist.	6500/3756
10.	Larsen & Toubro Ltd.	-do-	5006
11.	National Steel Industries Ltd.	Nayagarh, Keonjhar Dist.	946
12.	Bamra Iron & Steel Co. Ltd.	Bamra, Sambalpur Dist.	710
13.	Mid-West Steels Ltd.	Bileipada, Keonjhar Dist.	800
14.	Jindal Strips Ltd.	Budhapanka, Angul Dist.	850

Performance of SAIL

111. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the financial performance of the Steel Authority of India during 1997-98, plant-wise;

(b) whether the profitability of the SAIL has declined during the current year as compared to that of the last year;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken to improve the performance of SAIL?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NAVEEN PATNAIK): (a) The plant-wise financial performance of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) during 1997-98 is as under:

(Rupees in Crores)

Plant	1997-98
Bhilai Steel Plant	701
Durgapur Steel Plant	(-)509
Rourkela Steel Plant	(-)374
Bokaro Steel Plant	367
Alloy Steels Plant	(-)88
Salem Steel Plant	(-)120
Raw Materials Division & Central Unit	171

(b) During the first half of 1998-99, SAIL has incurred a loss of Rs. 617 crores compared to profit of Rs. 54 crores during the same period in 1997-98.

(c) The main reasons for decline in profits in SAIL include slow down in demand for steel, greater competition from imports, and enhancement in supplies in domestic market etc. Further, the profits were adversely affected due to increase in input prices and higher interest cost which could not be fully neutralised by better techno-economic parameters, cost reduction measures and increase in the prices of steel, etc.

(d) SAIL has taken number of steps to improve the performance, which inter-alia include reduction in cost by improving the techno-economic parameters, demand oriented production, improving quality of products, and

increasing sales through aggressive and customer oriented marketing, etc.

Dumping of Steel

112. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a few foreign countries are dumping steel in India; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to protect our own steel industry?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NAVEEN PATNAIK): (a) and (b) Indian Steel Industry is facing competition on account of dumping from some countries. An anti-dumping petition was filed by M/s. SAIL and M/s. Essar Steel Ltd., on behalf of the domestic steel producers with the Designated Authority in the Ministry of Commerce under the provisions of the Customs Tariff Act, alleging dumping of HR Coils/Sheets/Plates from Russia, Ukraine and Kazakistan. The petition is supported by other major steel producers like TISCO and Lloyd Steel. The Designated Authority vide their notification dated 18th November, 1998 has recommended imposition of Anti-dumping duties on imports from Russia & Ukraine, which shall be the difference between the amount mentioned in column (3) below and the landed price of imports per MT subject to a minimum of Rs. 481 per MT.

S.N.	Item Description	Amount (Rs. per MT)
1	Hot Rolled Coils	14300
2	Hot Rolled Strips/Sheets/Plates	15000
3	Boiler Quality Plates	22000

भारतीय इस्पात प्राधिकरण लि. में कामगारों की छंटनी

113. **श्री बरजिन्दर सिंह हमदर्द:** क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मार्च, 1998 के अन्त तक भारतीय इस्पात प्राधिकरण लिमिटेड में लगभग 1.86 लाख कर्मचारी कार्यरत थे;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो तत्संबंधी सही आंकड़े क्या हैं;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि अगले चार से पांच साल की अवधि के दौरान उक्त संगठन ने 60,000 कर्मचारियों की छंटनी करने का फैसला किया है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो तत्संबंधी तथ्य क्या हैं तथा संगठन के आकलन के आधार पर कितनी श्रम शक्ति अधिक होने का अनुमान है?

इस्पात तथा खान मंत्री (श्री नवीन पटनायक): (क) और (ख) 31 मार्च, 1998 की स्थिति के अनुसार स्टील अथॉरिटी ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड (सेल) की जनशक्ति 1,76,147 थी।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

(घ) इस्पात संयंत्रों के आधुनिकीकरण और नई प्रौद्योगिकीयों को अपनाने से इस्पात संयंत्रों में प्रारम्भ में उपलब्ध कराई गई जनशक्ति को युक्तिसंगत बनाने की संभावना है। कार्य प्रक्रियाओं में सुधार, प्रशिक्षण एवं पुन:तैनाती के जरिए श्रमशक्ति को युक्तिसंगत बनाने के प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं। यह वार्षिक मानव संसाधन बजट जहां स्वाभाविक पृथक्करण के लिए कटौती का सावधानीपूर्वक सामंजस्य किया जाता है, के जरिए किया जा रहा है।

जनशक्ति को युक्तिसंगत बनाने के प्रयासों के एक भाग के रूप में सेल ने 01 मार्च, 1998 से स्वैच्छिक सेवा निवृत्ति योजना (वी.आर.एस.) शुरू की थी। यह योजना 31 अगस्त, 1998 तक लागू थी।

Demand of Steel for different sectors

114. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total actual demand for steel in power plants, shipping and railway projects during the last three years;

(b) whether supply of steel to these sectors is not adequate;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to supply steel in the country as per their requirements?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NAVEEN PATNAIK): (a) to (d) Estimates of demand for finished (carbon) steel are made on all India basis and not individual consuming sectors. During the last 3 years, demand and production of finished (carbon) steel has been as under:—